

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW REGULATION**

DATE: February 1, 2018

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 8.006 Civic Literacy

SUMMARY: This regulation is being created to establish civic literacy criteria for baccalaureate degree-seeking students initially entering a state university fall semester 2018, and thereafter. This new regulation provides both classroom instruction and independent assessment opportunities as ways for students to meet this requirement prior to graduation.

A workgroup comprised of both state university and Florida College System institution history and political science faculty representation met fall 2017 to provide recommendations as to appropriate courses and competencies for meeting the civic literacy requirement per section 1009.25, Florida Statutes. Board office leadership also kept the Council of Academic Vice Presidents and other university staff informed throughout the process. Additionally, various existing assessments were reviewed to fulfill the civic literacy requirement, as also required in the new statute. The content of the proposed regulation aligns with a proposed Department of Education rule in order to ensure smooth articulation.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Article IX, section 7, Florida Constitution; section 1009.25, Florida Statutes; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Jan Ignash, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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(1) Baccalaureate degree-seeking students initially entering a state university fall semester 2018 and thereafter must demonstrate competency in civic literacy through one of the following options prior to graduation:

(a) Successfully passing either POSX041 American Government or AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877. Each of the courses must include the following competencies:

1. Understanding of the basic principles and practices of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government.
2. An understanding of the United States Constitution and its application.
3. Knowledge of the founding documents and how they have shaped the nature and functions of our institutions of self-government.
4. An understanding of landmark Supreme Court cases, landmark legislation and landmark executive actions and their impact on law and society.

(b) Achieving the standard score on one of the following assessments:

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Standard Score</u>
<u>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>Advanced Placement Government and Politics: United States</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Advanced Placement United States History</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>CLEP American Government</u>	<u>50</u>

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., and section 1009.25, Florida Statutes;
History: New _____.